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Dear Hal=

I'm writing this letter to you on a Saturday with a kind of rush to make sure I get it to the post office in time so that you can receive it rather promptly.

The reason for this rush is that there will be an Assassination Records Review Board hearing in Washington on Wednesday Jan. 25th & I wanted to make certain you receive the items enclosed plus give you time to alert people you know in the Washington area to go to the hearings. I have no idea who the Board will hear. Perhaps you could alert Jim Lesar & others to go down & attend.

In any event I'm enclosing the following items which, of course, you can keep. On certain item I'd appreciate your comments on (which I'll note in my listing)=

ITEMS ENCLOSED=

(1) THE S.F. CHRONICLE "SPIES" BOOK REVIEW

(2) DR. WECHT & MILAM reply to DR. LATTIMER'S THEORY ON CONNALLY FLAP AT ZAPRUDER FRAME Z-224 (My view is that the "flap" was caused by the wind). Your comments appreciated.

(3) FBI agent SWAGGIGER new book= I've met him & he told me personally of the scores of "black bag"

jobs while at the Chicago FBI office. I asked Bill Turner to see if he could ask Swearingen if he knew GUY BANNISTER.

(4) The letter by E. Brandt to myself on his defense of the Warren Commission-their view that 3 shots were fired + all from the 6th floor. Brandt was the witness I helped to discover/he showed up in Dallas on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of JFK's death. He pointed to a photo in Groden's book + said "Hell's me—I'm still wearing the same hat I wore then!!" (You can see him in Willis #7 & the equivalent Z-frame). Note that Brandt agreed with me that the first shot struck JFK (this I got from him on 3 different occasions, once on TV in Dallas at the "JFK" Symposium. I've not yet replied to him (am working on a long reply to him. He doesn't realize that his own observations reinforce my conclusion rebutting "no conspiracy".

From a conversation I had (today in fact) I learned from Gary Shaw that Brandt has given an "ORAL History" tape to the "6th floor Exhibit" where Brandt is now working ~~for~~ for them as a "docent". In that "History" he says he heard 2 shots. Shaw said that Brandt immediately after the first shot ran back toward the knoll parking area. This is pretty much what Brandt told me in 1993 when I first discovered him + located him on the Willis #7 photo.

Brandt is also quoted in the latest "DatelineDallas" magazine by a woman reporter from Florida who says Brandt heard 2 shots. Thus we have 2 sources for his statement.

I'd appreciate your comments on what Brandt wrote to me + anything you can add on this.

(5) Dr. Mantik's reply to the Myers article in the "VIDEO TOASTER USER" magazine in which MYERS "provides" computer "proof" of no conspiracy. (I'm in the process of writing a reply to Myers article & I understand Dr. Mantik is too. Your comments on this are appreciated. I previously sent you a copy of Myers article).

(6) Gary Mack's great review of Beverly Oliver's book (he doesn't buy her being in Dealey). Note that Gary mentions a possible clue to the "Babushka lady" based on a KODAK man's experience. Could this be Mrs. Beck??? Incidentally, Gary has now been appointed the Archivist for the 6th Floor Exhibit. I am in touch with him. Gary replaced an archivist who says he was voted out probably because of his activism on the case.

(7) The letter from Waggoner Carr to a Texas paper who's still defending the Warren Commission & the reply to him by a researcher. Note that Carr has his ~~fees~~ address listed so it is now easy to write to him. My friend, Tom Sanders, knew Carr when Tom lived in Lubbock, Texas.

(8) The 4 pages of documents on Sergio Carbo (who appears in your book "Oswald in New Orleans"). I've passed out to a researcher working on the CARBO

angle that CARBO was also involved in the CIA plot to overthrow Brazilian President Goulart in the spring of 1964. From a researcher I'm in touch with he indicates to me that McCloy was instrumental in this plot through a mining company McCloy represented at the time (when McCloy was also working for the Warren Commission). What's interesting to note in this whole CARBO caper is that Carlos's son was in the Bay of Pigs invasion. If you'll recall Sergio Carbo had stated in a news article that there would be "in a short time" an "event" occurring that would "dramatically alter" the peaceful coexistence policy between the 2 super powers (US & Russia). I always thought CARBO's comment (made on 11/19/63) referred to the JFK assassination but I now believe I was wrong & that CARBO probably was referring to a second invasion of Cuba. I could be wrong but something was in the wind. And, if, indeed, Carlos's son was in the Cuban invasion of 1961 whose better ear could he have listened to than his own son!

Note also in those CARBO pages that there is a reference to "Oswald's manuscript" plus a belief held by a "stenographer" who thought Oswald was "an agent". It is my belief that

this refers to Pauline Bates. Wasn't Bates the woman I recall reading many, many years back who tried to deny Oswald as having a "crypto" clearance. I know I read that somewhere in some book but I can't recall where & by whom but my memory says that it was a woman writer?

(9/ Enclosed is a 9 page FPCC pamphlet written by V.T. Lee on "Cuban Counter-Revolutionaries in the U.S." It was one of the pamphlets Oswald ordered from the FPCC & included in the inventory of items found in Paine's garage. I had asked a researcher, Lamar Waldron, to see if he could get a copy of it at the Archives which he frequently visits but he said the Archives "stonewalled" him. When he finally got a Xerox copy what he got was what I'm enclosing. As Lamar explained it to me the dark splotches beginning to appear on page 4 (& thereafter) were due to the result of "fingerprint dusting" (obviously done by the FBI). Lamar pointed out to me that no such dark spots appeared on either the front or back cover. Only on the inside! Why? This is what Lamar told me (the explanation was provided for him by the NA archivist whom I presume is Steve Tilley. What is your evaluation of all this? When do you think the fingerprint testing was

done- prior to Lamar's request or after Lamar's request to obtain a copy. My guess is that it was before & not after.

The interesting thing about this V.T. Lee pamphlet is that I was partly responsible for it being printed. When V.T. Lee first told me he had information about what the exiles were doing & their plans for a second invasion I told him this had to be printed & circulated widely. The information had to get out to the general public. He agreed & I loaned him money to get it printed & distributed. Lee did pay me back later. When Oswald ordered that pamphlet my view is that Oswald had to find out as best he could what the exile plans were even if he had an "ear" to what they were doing through an exile (or exile group).

(10) The Washington Spectator (1/15/95) article on the ARRB up-coming hearings. Note the Jan. 25th Wash. hearing plus other city hearings to be held in Boston, New Orleans, Miami & L.A. Have you any info on this? (I guess this article was written by Max Holland).

(11) The Williams a fine article on the JFK tapes.

(12) Lastly, my article in "Dateline Dallas" (Sept. 30, 1994). This is on the "Double Head Shot" theory I propose. I would truly appreciate your input on this.

Have to run now. I want to get this mailed out pronto!

Best,
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